Approach Paper for the Eighth Five Year Plan

80. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Approach Paper for the eighth Five Year Plan has since been revised and finalised;

(b) if so, the total investment, both public and private sectors proposed for the plan; and

(c) the areas which would have emphasis for development during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The areas which would have emphasis during the Eighth Five Year Plan would include:

(i) Strengthening the federal structure.

(ii) Decentralisation of authority.

(iii) People's participation.

(iv) Greater bias for the development of the rural sector.

(v) Sharper focus on women's role in economic activity.

(vi) Employment.

Implementation of Scheme in Bihar during Eighth Five Year Plan

81. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some schemes for implementation in Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan have been drawn up;

(b) if so, what has been projected to achieve in the vital sectors viz., Health, Education, Energy generation and distribution and Industrial Development in the State and its corresponding estimated outlay during the Plan period; and

(c) what is the quantum of new employment to be generated during the Eighth Five Year Plan for skilled and un-skilled hands respectively?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Planning Commission has not received Bihar Govt.'s Eighth Five Year Plan proposals.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of a Nuclear Plant in Kerala

82. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a Nuclear Power Plant in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) At present there is no plan to set up a nuclear power plant in Kerala. However, the Kerala Government have proposed certain sites in Kerala for location of nuclear power plants, which are being examined as part of the ongoing site investigations consistent with the long term nuclear power programme.